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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in response to the Official Action dated December 29, 2004, in the above-identified patent application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees listed in 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1265.

No additional fee is required.

Yours very truly,

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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the first Official Action of December 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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Reply to Office Action of December 29, 2004

### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is filed in response to the Official Action of December 29, 2004, in application Serial No. 10/625,368, filed on July 23, 2003, of Donato L. Ricci, entitled "Slitting Saw" is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, postage prepaid, on January 7, 2005.

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